

# NOTIFICATIONS & FEES

## Application for Chapter 40B Project Eligibility / Site Approval

### for MassHousing-Financed and New England Fund ("NEF") Homeownership Projects

#### Section 7: NOTIFICATION AND FEES

##### Notices

Event	Date
Date(s) of meetings, if any, with municipal officials prior to submission of application to MassHousing :	04/04/2022
Date of Pre-Application Meeting with MassHousing:	04/25/2022
Date copy of complete application sent to chief elected office of municipality :	
Date notice of application sent to DHCD:	

##### Fees

All fees that are payable to MassHousing should be sent via ACH/Wire Transfer. Please contact MassHousing for the ACH/Wire Transfer instructions.

Fees payable to the Massachusetts Housing Partnership should be sent directly to MHP with the [MHP Cover Letter](#)

Fee	Amount	Instructions
MassHousing Application Processing Fee:	\$7,650	payable to MassHousing
Chapter 40B Technical Assistance/Mediation Fee:	\$2,500	(Limited Dividend Sponsor \$2,500, Non-Profit or Public Agency Sponsor \$1,000)
Unit Fee:	\$2,500	(\$50 per Unit)
Total TA/Mediation and Unit Fee:	\$5,000	(Payable to Massachusetts Housing Partnership)

Land Appraisal Cost: You will be required to pay for an "as-is" market value appraisal of the Site to be commission by MassHousing. MasHousing will contact you once a quote has been received for the cost of the appraisal.

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA SCORECARD

MassHousing encourages housing development that is consistent with sustainable development designs and green building practices. Please provide information indicating that your development complies with either Method 1 or Method 2 of the Sustainable Development Principles

### Method 1 - Redevelop First

#### *If Rehabilitation:*

Rehabilitation/Redevelopment/Improvements to Structure	No
Rehabilitation/Redevelopment/Improvements to Infrastructure	No

#### *If New Construction:*

- Contributes to revitalization of town center or neighborhood	Yes
- Walkable to:	
(a) transit	Yes
(b) downtown or village center	No
(c) school	Yes
(d) library	Yes
(e) retail, services, or employment center	Yes
- Located in municipally-approved growth center	No

#### Explanation (Required):

The project is strategically located in an urban area of Arlington on Massachusetts Avenue with excellent walkability to several local attractions, schools, libraries, and recreational areas making this locations very desirable for all age groups.

## Method 2 - Consistency with Sustainable Development Principals

Development meets a minimum of **five (5)** of the Commonwealth's *Sustainable Development Principles* as shown in the next section below.

If the development involves strong municipal support, the development need only meet four (4) of the Sustainable Development Principles. However, one (1) of the Principles met must be **Protect Land and Ecosystems**. Please check the applicable boxes within the "Optional - Demonstration of Municipal Support" section below, include an explanation in the box if necessary and provide attachments where applicable.

### Optional - Demonstration of Municipal Support

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|---|----|
| - Letter of Support from the Chief Elected Official of the municipality * | No |
| - Housing development involves municipal funding                          | No |
| - Housing development involves land owned or donated by the municipality  | No |

*\*Other acceptable evidence: Zoning variance issued by ZBA for project; Minutes from Board of Selectman meeting showing that project was discussed and approved, etc.*

Explanation (Required)

Please explain at the end of each category how the development follows the relevant *Sustainable Development Principle(s)* and explain how the development demonstrates each of the checked "X" statements listed under the *Sustainable Development Principle(s)*.

#### (1) Concentrate Development and Mix Uses

Support the revitalization of city and town centers and neighborhoods by promoting development that is compact, conserves land, protects historic resources, and integrates uses. Encourage remediation and reuse of existing sites, structures, and infrastructure rather than new construction in undeveloped areas. Create pedestrian friendly districts and neighborhoods that mix commercial, civic, cultural, educational, and recreational activities with open spaces and homes.

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| - Higher density than surrounding area                        | No |
| - Mixes uses or adds new uses to an existing neighborhood     | No |
| - Includes multi-family housing                               | No |
| - Utilizes existing water/sewer infrastructure                | No |
| - Compact and/or clustered so as to preserve undeveloped land | No |
| - Reuse existing sites, structured, or infrastructure         | No |
| - Pedestrian friendly   | No |
| - Other (discuss below  | No |

Explanation (Required)



## **(2) Advance Equity & Make Efficient Decisions**

Promote equitable sharing of the benefits and burdens of development. Provide technical and strategic support for inclusive community planning and decision making to ensure social, economic, and environmental justice. Ensure that the interests of future generations are not compromised by today's decisions.

Promote development in accordance with smart growth and environmental stewardship.

- Concerted public participation effort (beyond the minimally required public hearings)	No
- Streamlined permitting process, such as 40B or 40R	No
- Universal Design and/or visitability	No
- Creates affordable housing in middle to upper income area and/or meets regional need	No
- Creates affordable housing in high poverty area	No
- Promotes diversity and social equity and improves the neighborhood	No
- Includes environmental cleanup and/or neighborhood improvement in an Environmental Justice Community	No
- Other (discuss below)	No

Explanation (Required)

## **(3) Protect Land and Ecosystems**

Protect and restore environmentally sensitive lands, natural resources, agricultural lands, critical habitats, wetlands and water resources, and cultural and historic landscapes. Increase the quantity, quality and accessibility of open spaces and recreational opportunities.

- Creation or preservation of open space or passive recreational facilities	No
- Protection of sensitive land, including prime agricultural land, critical habitats, and wetlands	No
- Environmental remediation or clean up	No
- Responds to state or federal mandate (e.g., clean drinking water, drainage, etc.)	No
- Eliminates or reduces neighborhood blight	No
- Addresses public health and safety risk	No
- Cultural or Historic landscape/existing neighborhood enhancement	No
- Other (discuss below)	No

Explanation (Required)

#### **(4) Use Natural Resources Wisely**

Construct and promote developments, buildings, and infrastructure that conserve natural resources by reducing waste and pollution through efficient use of land, energy, water and materials.

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| - Uses alternative technologies for water and/or wastewater treatment | No |
| - Uses low impact development (LID) for other innovative techniques   | No |
| - Other (discuss below)   | No |

Explanation (Required)

#### **(5) Expand Housing Opportunities**

Support the construction and rehabilitation of homes to meet the needs of people of all abilities, income levels and household types. Build homes near jobs, transit, and where services are available. Foster the development of housing, particularly multifamily and single-family homes, in a way that is compatible with a community's character and vision and with providing new housing choices for people of all means.

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| - Includes rental units, including for low/mod households            | No |
| - Includes homeownership units, including for low/mod households     | No |
| - Includes housing options for special needs and disabled population | No |
| - Expands the term of affordability                                  | No |
| - Homes are near jobs, transit and other services                    | No |
| - Other (discuss below)  | No |

Explanation (Required)

#### **(6) Provide Transportation Choice**

Maintain and expand transportation options that maximize mobility, reduce congestion, conserve fuel and improve air quality. Prioritize rail, bus, boat, rapid and surface transit, shared-vehicle and shared-ride services, bicycling and walking. Invest strategically in existing and new passenger and freight transportation infrastructure that supports sound economic development consistent with smart growth objectives.

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| - Walkable to public transportation   | No |
| - Reduces dependence on private automobiles (e.g., provides previously unavailable shared transportation, such as Zip Car or shuttle buses)   | No |
| - Increased bike and ped access   | No |
| - For rural areas, located in close proximity (i.e., approximately one mile) to a transportation corridor that provides access to employment centers, retail/commercial centers, civic or cultural destinations | No |
| - Other (discuss below)   | No |

Explanation (Required)

#### **(7) Increase Job and Business Opportunities**

Attract businesses and jobs to locations near housing, infrastructure, and transportation options. Promote economic development in industry clusters. Expand access to education, training and entrepreneurial opportunities. Support growth of local businesses, including sustainable natural resource-based businesses, such as agriculture, forestry, clean energy technology and fisheries.

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| - Permanent Jobs   | No |
| - Permanent jobs for low- or moderate- income persons  | No |
| - Jobs near housing, service or transit  | No |
| - Housing near an employment center  | No |
| - Expand access to education, training or entrepreneurial opportunities  | No |
| - Support local business   | No |
| - Support natural resource-based businesses (i.e., farming, forestry, or aquaculture)                                | No |
| - Re-uses or recycles materials from a local or regional industry's waste stream                                     | No |
| - Support manufacture of resource-efficient materials, such as recycled or low-toxicity materials                    | No |
| - Support businesses that utilize locally produced resources such as locally harvested wood or agricultural products | No |
| - Other (discuss below)  | No |

Explanation (Required)

## **(8) Promote Clean Energy**

Maximize energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities. Support energy conservation strategies, local clean power generation, distributed generation technologies, and innovative industries. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and consumption of fossil fuels.

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| - Energy Star or Equivalent*   | No |
| - Uses renewable energy source, recycled and/or non-/low-toxic materials, exceeds the state energy code, is configured to optimize solar access, and/or otherwise results in was reduction and conservation of resources | No |
| - Other (discuss below)  | No |

\*All units are required by MassHousing to be Energy Star Efficient. Please include in your explanation a description of how the development will meet Energy Star criteria.

Explanation (Required)

## **(9) Plan Regionally**

Support the development and implementation of local and regional, state and interstate plans that have broad public support and are consistent with these principles. Foster development projects, land and water conservation, transportation and housing that have a regional or multi-community benefit. Consider the long term costs and benefits to the Commonwealth.

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| - Consistent with a municipally supported regional plan                               | No |
| - Addresses barriers identified in a Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing | No |
| - Measureable public benefit beyond the applicant community                           | No |
| - Other (discuss below)   | No |

Explanation (Required)



# Attachment 7.1

Narrative Describing Communications with  
Municipal Officials

### 7.1 Narrative of Prior Correspondence with Municipal Offices

Maggiore discussed the proposed development with Jennifer Raitt, Arlington Town Planner in June of 2021. Because of the Riverfront Area of the site that is within the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction, Maggiore has participated in multiple working sessions with the Arlington Conservation Commission to discuss the Riverfront Area and the proposed mitigation plan. These working sessions took place on July 15, 2021, October 7, 2021, and January 6, 2022.

Maggiore also presented the project to the Arlington Select Board on April 4, 2022.